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Col. Gibson promised Mr. Downey that if he would give him the names of companies carrying on a class of fraudulent loan business to which he referred he would have them struck off the register or otherwise proceeded against. Mr. Downey referred to companies which accepted children's savings on a paid-up share principle, and confiscated the deposits if they ceased payment before the full amount was paid.

Better Pay for Inspectors.

Under consideration in committee of Mr. Harcourt's bill to amend the public schools act, Mr. Whitney criticized the payment of Public School Inspectors. He thought their pay was far too low, and the men having so much work to do could not keep in touch with the learning and advanced methods of their work.

Mr. Harcourt agreed thoroughly with Mr. Whitney, and undertook to include a clause in the direction suggested in a redraft of the bill.

Taxing the Circuses.

On motion of the Premier the House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, and concurred in a resolution fixing the Provincial licenses for circuses and shows as follows:—For every circus, menagerie, wild west show (including one side show), travelling with 20 cars or over, \$100; under 20 cars, \$50; for every dog and pony show and trained animal show, \$15; for each additional side show, \$10; and for every other show such sum as may be determined by the Provincial Treasurer for every day upon which the show is licensed to be exhibited.

The House went into committee on a bill including this feature.

Mr. Whitney criticized the measure as being an attempt to take from the municipalities some of their proper taxes and give them to the Province.

Mr. Ross explained that the measure would practically take nothing from the municipalities. The old uniform fees charged by the Province were being graded.

Mr. Crawford thought the measure amounted to a tax upon the people, because the managers would raise their rates to meet the tax.

The bill was assented to without amendment.

Mr. Ross' bill to amend the act for the improvement of public highways was assented to, with one amendment striking out the provision for the reference to the Commissioner of Public Highways of disputes between the county Councils and townships.

Fraudulent Loan Companies.

The committee dealt with Col. Gibson's bill to amend the loan corporations act. The act limits the amount of deposits to be received by a loan company to the aggregate amount of the then actually paid-in and unimpaired permanent capital, the reserve fund, and the cash actually in hand.

Mr. Downey drew attention to the existence of companies which accepted the savings of children in small amounts, on the understanding that they would receive a paid-up share in the company after a certain amount had been deposited. If, however, the payments ceased before they amounted to the sum stipulated, the child lost all the savings and got no return.

Col. Gibson said that such a business would be fraudulent and directly contrary to the provisions of the loan corporations act, and he asked Mr. Downey to give him information as to the companies carrying on such a business. He undertook that immediate steps would be taken to visit them with the consequences of such a violation of the act. Mr. Downey said he would obtain the information and present it to the Attorney-General in a few days.

Royal Assent To-day.

Mr. Ross announced that his Honor

the Lieutenant-Governor would be present at 3 o'clock to-day to give assent to a number of bills that have received their third readings.

The House then went into committee and assented to a number of private bills.

Mr. Barber's (Halton) bill respecting the town of Oakville was referred back to committee for reconsideration. A number of residents of Oakville desired this.

Mr. Ross moved that the House adjourn at 5.30 o'clock.

Mr. Whitney said that before the House adjourned he wished to repeat what he had already once said, that he hoped, in view of the vast importance of the subject, that any railway legislation providing for bonuses or grants to railways would be brought down at the earliest moment possible. They were now approaching the end of the session, and members should not be asked to vote on matters which they admit they do not understand.

Mr. Ross made no reply, and the House then adjourned.

Notices.

Mr. Hoyle—Order for a return showing the amount of money that has been annually expended by the Province under the mines act for the encouragement of iron mining; the names of the persons or companies or firms to whom the money has been paid.

J. CHARLTON'S EVIDENCE

SPECIAL VALUE IN THE SHANNON LIMIT FOR HIM.

Near His Other Operations and He Wanted to Keep His Men and Mills Busy—Cap. Sullivan Still Missing.

One more witness, in the person of Mr. John Charlton, M.P., gave evidence before the Public Accounts Committee at the Legislature yesterday respecting the purchase of the Shannon timber limit. In reply to questions by Mr. Latchford, Mr. Charlton, whose firm purchased the limit for \$9,000 from Capt. John Sullivan, stated that his recollection was that the estimate of the timber, on which the cut was based, was 1,800,000 feet. There were special circumstances which rendered the limit of value to his firm. They were operating on other limits near by, but wanted work to keep their men together until the work on the other land was ready, and they also wanted logs to keep their mill running without delay. The cut had amounted to about 1,673,000 feet, or not as much as the estimate of their ranger, James Paton.

Col. Matheson sought comparative figures of the production of other limits, and met with a quotation of 16,000,000 feet from 36 square miles, which, the Colonel thought, showed that 1,673,000 feet from 1 1/4 square miles was a good return.

Mr. Davis pointed out that the limit had been cut over for some years, and in the view of the department there was not much left on it, which witness had thought was the case, having reference to the conditions, until he had sent his ranger. Mr. Charlton said that \$250 was too low a price for the limit, but, with the conditions that surrounded the matter, it was not an unnatural thing that the Government should have concluded there was not much of anything there, and that impression could only be rectified by a thorough examination, such as his firm had made before buying it.

In reply to Mr. Davis, Mr. Charlton said he had bought the limit he thought in July last, having had an option on it from Sullivan for about thirty days. The latter had at first asked \$10,000 for it.

Further discussion took place on Capt. Sullivan's absence. On assembling, Col. Matheson moved that a special report be submitted asking that an order of the House issue for

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HIGHER SALARIES FOR INSPECTORS.

Public School Officers Will Probably Receive Better Pay.

LOAN COMPANY FRAUDS.

Col. Gibson Promises to Put a Stop to Violations of Act.

The Confiscation of Deposits by Companies When Payments Cease Will be Put an End to—Lieut. Governor Will Attend and Assent to Bills To-day.

The Legislature sat for two hours and a half yesterday, and while at work the House assumed a very busy appearance. A number of Government orders were attended to, including Mr. Harcourt's bill to amend the public schools act, under which discussion occurred relating to the salaries of inspectors. Both sides of the House agreed as to the insufficiency of the